

City of Fayetteville
Regular Mayor and City Council Meeting
Minutes
January 7, 2016

Call to Order

The Mayor and City Council of Fayetteville met in regular session on January 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Edward Johnson called the meeting to order, followed by Opening Prayer given by Mr. Edward Mitchell, and then led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present were: Harlan Shirley, Kathaleen Brewer, Paul Oddo, Scott Stacy, and James Williams. Staff members present were City Manager Ray Gibson and City Clerk Anne Barksdale.

Stacy moved to approve the agenda as presented. Oddo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Oddo moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 17, 2015. Stacy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0-2. For – Oddo, Williams, Stacy. Councilmembers Shirley and Brewer abstained since they were not on Council at this meeting.

Recognitions and Presentations:

Mayor Johnson called for Election of Mayor Pro Tem for 2016.

Williams moved to elect Councilmember Scott Stacy as Mayor Pro Tem for 2016. Oddo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Johnson called for presentation of Above and Beyond Award – PD.

Scott Pitts, Police Chief presented Above and Beyond award to Officers Austin Dunn and Jason Davis for their exceptional work helping a disabled veteran in November.

Public Hearings:

Mayor Johnson called Consider Approval of Beer & Wine License for Dolce Pizza, LLC, located at 725 E. Lanier Avenue for Moshe Bengigi.

Anne Barksdale, City Clerk said application has been reviewed and approved.

There were no public comments.

Stacy moved to approve Beer & Wine License for Dolce Pizza, LLC, located at 725 E. Lanier Avenue for Moshe Bengigi. Shirley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Johnson called Consider Approval of Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits License for AKEG Ventures, Inc. d/b/a Sabor A. Mexico, located at 805 Lanier Avenue West, Ste. C, for Efrain Gonzalez.

Anne Barksdale, City Clerk said application has been reviewed and approved.

There were no public comments.

Oddo moved to approve Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits License for AKEG Ventures, Inc. d/b/a Sabor A. Mexico, located at 805 Lanier Avenue West, Ste. C, for Efrain Gonzalez. Brewer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Johnson called for approval of Consent Agenda – Consider Board Appointments for MSTA, DDA Council Appointment, Ethics Board Consideration, and Standing Yearly Appointment Confirmation.

Ray Gibson, City Manager said the Board Committee met, reviewed all applications and suggested the following appointments for MSTA.

The positions suggested by the board are as follows:

- Re-appointment of Cathy Cochran
- Re-appointment of Patsy Gullett
- Appointment of Mike Hofrichter to replace David Patton
- Appointment of Jolene Dingler to finish out Emily Poole's term (2 years)

Mayor Johnson asked if any of the appointees were present.

Mrs. Jolene Dingler announced that she was present and that she would be happy to serve on the MSTA Board.

Mr. Gibson, City Manager also suggested for Planning and Zoning Board appointments scheduled to be on the next council agenda, that each Council member pick a representative of their choosing to be on that board.

After consideration by Council, it was decided that this new process for choosing P&Z members will be discussed at the upcoming Council Retreat, therefore Mayor Johnson asked for a motion to be made for the Consent Agenda.

Shirley moved to approve Consent Agenda as presented, and added to Consider Planning & Zoning appointments as suggested by the Board Committee at the next City Council meeting. Stacy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager and Staff Reports:

Ray Gibson, City Manager stated there will be a Town Hall meeting at the Municipal Court on January 26, 2016 at 6:30pm to discuss general citizen input and concerns.

Alan Jones, Fire Chief/Assistant City Manager discussed the newly formed Fayette Fire Foundation and his concerns about lack of information for the public as to where those donations would go. He asked for clarity from the Foundation's website when describing the fundraising beneficiaries.

Mrs. Vicki Turner, Fayette Fire Foundation member asked Chief Jones to put in writing his concerns about their fundraising techniques and destinations for the funds raised.

Chief Jones also discussed the continuing on-street parking concerns for the Villages. He attended a Villages Homeowner's meeting last night and suggested an ordinance to cover on-street parking.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Johnson thanked the citizens of Fayetteville for their trust in him and their votes to elect him as the next mayor.

Mayor Johnson presented former Mayor Clifton with a plaque and mounted gavel and thanked him for his four years of outstanding leadership for Fayetteville.

Public Comments:

Mr. Kyle Baker of Starbucks acknowledged the decision by management to remove the Starbuck's alcohol application from this Council agenda and described the reasons for wanting alcohol in Starbucks. After discussion with Council, he would like to see it considered in the near future.

Mr. Greg Clifton, former Mayor, asked Council to strongly consider preserving the house marked for demolition that is located across from Mask Tire on Jeff Davis.

Councilmember Kathaleen Brewer gave a brief history of that house and concurred with Mr. Clifton that it should be preserved if possible.

Stacy moved to adjourn the meeting. Oddo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Barksdale, City Clerk